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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, EAID, IN

SUBJ: FOOD AID TO INDIA

REF: STATE 226032

1. I APOLOGIZE FOR A BADLY DRAFTED TELEGRAM. WHAT TEJA TOLD US WAS THAT HE WAS AWARE, AS IT WERE, THAT WE HAD ALREADY DECIDED FIRST THAT WE WOULD SENT GRAIN TO INDIA AND SECOND HOW MUCH WE WOULD SEND. THIS "INTELLIGENCE" MUST HAVE COME FROM AMBASSADOR KAUL WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING AROUND PASSING OUT MIS-INFORMATION BY THE METRIC TON. OUR MAN (LANDE) DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY, SO SAID NOTHING SAVE THAT SUCH MATTERS ARE BEING HANDLED IN WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT IF INDEED IT WAS ALL SETTLED, THAN INDEED IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING TO ANNOUNCE IT. THE POINT HERE IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS OR HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT THIS: THE SITUATION IS OBVIOUSLY CONFUSED AND CHANGING AND WE HAVE NOT EXPECTED TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF DAILY UPS AND DOWNS. WE HAVE ASSUMED INDIA WOULD GET SOME FOOD, BUT NOT MUCH, AND THAT WE WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT IT WHEN IT HAPPENS.

2. AS FOR ARRIVAL DATES, WE MEANT THAT THE INDIANS WILL NEED THE FOOD IN THE FIRST HALF OF CY 1975.

3. THE PRESS HERE IS FULL OF TALK OF PL 480 FOOD COMING, NOT COMING, BEING NEGOTIATED, BEING DECLINED. DO YOU WANT ME TO GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT AND TELL THEM THEY CAN HAVE \$50 MILLION
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WORTH OF GRAIN TO BE PURCHASED IN THIS QUARTER? PLEASE GIVE ME

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS.

4. SORRY TO HAVE BEEN CONFUSING. IT COMES OF NOT WASHINGTON
BE IMPORTUNATE AND HARASSING. AND OF NOT WRITING ENGLISH TOO
GOOD.

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